

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

By Black

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Edwards on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those exemplary professionals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm in service of their fellow citizens and respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Linda Edwards is one such estimable person who will be taking a much deserved retirement on January 23, 2009, after serving Sumner County government and her fellow Tennesseans with acumen and alacrity for more than thirty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards began her illustrious career in 1974 as a new graduate of Hendersonville High School and while already enrolled as a student at Volunteer State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Linda Edward's father, Bethel Brown, had just been elected county judge and, as she recalls, "He told me he needed a secretary and would I fill in until he found someone."; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards turned that temporary position into a career of outstanding public service, becoming the "glue" that holds the county executive's office together; she is admired for her patience, courtesy, organizational skills, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, her knowledge of Sumner County government has proven to be invaluable to the five county executives she has served and to the many citizens she has so ably assisted over the course of her long tenure; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Jimmy Edwards; her son and daughter-

in-law, Grant and Ashley Edwards; her daughter and son-in-law, Bethany and Matt Hudson; and her new grandson, Grady Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Linda and her husband are active and devout members of Goodlettsville First Baptist Church, which she has served faithfully for many years, most recently as a member of the Finance and Pastor Search committees; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career with Sumner County government, Linda Edwards has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and superiors and a grateful public as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Linda Edwards upon more than thirty-four years of exemplary service to Sumner County government as administrative assistant to the county executive, salute her commitment to the highest precepts of public service, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.